



HAVERHILL

Essex County



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NARRATIVE

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Settled in 1640, the present day city of 52,000 has maintained characteristics of hometowns throughout New England. Found within Haverhill is a revitalized business district which, residents note, includes one of the finest Queen Anne style industrial streetscapes in America. An established restaurant district and a proliferation of specialty shops are all within walking distance of each other, while surrounding neighborhoods reflect interesting architectural diversity, displaying Victorian splendor, blue-collar housing and early 20th century middle class avenues. These residential neighborhoods display Haverhill's prominence in the shoe industry as well as its wealth of ethnic heritage and tradition. A rural village built around Bradford Common, a river-front area where shipbuilding was carried on, is also part of the city's architectural resources.

The city has a tremendous array of active and passive recreational opportunities, such as four 18-hole golf courses, a down hill ski area, two riding academies, a public skating rink and a sailing program. The Merrimack River meanders through the city providing opportunities for fishing, canoeing and sailing. A trail network along the river is under construction to provide walking, jogging and bird watching opportunities. Haverhill's residents invite visitors to come and watch the growing population of bald eagles which seasonally inhabit the city along the Merrimack.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Northeastern Massachusetts on the Merrimack River. Bordered by Methuen on the west, Groveland and Boxford on the south, West Newbury on the east, Merrimac on the northeast, and the state of New Hampshire on the north. Haverhill is 31 miles north of Boston; 31 miles from Manchester, New Hampshire; and 250 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 35.64 sq. miles

Land Area: 33.33 sq. miles

Population: 51,418

Density: 1,543 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Haverhill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.5°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.4"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Haverhill, Ayers Village, South Groveland

Regional Planning Agency

Merrimack Valley Region

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Lawrence



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 374-2300

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Mayor-Council

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1640

As a city: 1870

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	24,993		
Democrats	9,698	38.8	%
Republicans	3,339	13.4	%
Other parties	1	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	11,955	47.8	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Haverhill city, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	58,969	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	58,969	100.0
Male.....	27,984	47.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	5,174	8.8
Female.....	30,985	52.5	Mexican.....	340	0.6
Under 5 years.....	4,338	7.4	Puerto Rican.....	2,242	3.8
5 to 9 years.....	4,376	7.4	Cuban.....	84	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	4,228	7.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	2,508	4.3
15 to 19 years.....	3,532	6.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	53,795	91.2
20 to 24 years.....	3,212	5.4	White alone.....	50,912	86.3
25 to 34 years.....	9,234	15.7	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	10,495	17.8	Total population.....	58,969	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	7,553	12.8	In households.....	57,572	97.6
55 to 59 years.....	2,504	4.2	Householder.....	22,976	39.0
60 to 64 years.....	1,950	3.3	Spouse.....	10,801	18.3
65 to 74 years.....	3,463	5.9	Child.....	18,062	30.6
75 to 84 years.....	2,895	4.9	Own child under 18 years.....	13,973	23.7
85 years and over.....	1,189	2.0	Other relatives.....	2,510	4.3
Median age (years).....	35.5	(X)	Under 18 years.....	799	1.4
18 years and over.....	43,817	74.3	Nonrelatives.....	3,223	5.5
Male.....	20,218	34.3	Unmarried partner.....	1,621	2.7
Female.....	23,599	40.0	In group quarters.....	1,397	2.4
21 years and over.....	41,856	71.0	Institutionalized population.....	851	1.4
62 years and over.....	8,664	14.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	546	0.9
65 years and over.....	7,547	12.8	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	2,826	4.8	Total households.....	22,976	100.0
Female.....	4,721	8.0	Family households (families).....	14,858	64.7
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	7,574	33.0
One race.....	57,781	98.0	Married-couple family.....	10,801	47.0
White.....	52,878	89.7	With own children under 18 years.....	5,187	22.6
Black or African American.....	1,419	2.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	3,090	13.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	129	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,904	8.3
Asian.....	801	1.4	Nonfamily households.....	8,118	35.3
Asian Indian.....	179	0.3	Householder living alone.....	6,582	28.6
Chinese.....	153	0.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	2,360	10.3
Filipino.....	46	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	8,138	35.4
Japanese.....	53	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	5,175	22.5
Korean.....	100	0.2	Average household size.....	2.51	(X)
Vietnamese.....	190	0.3	Average family size.....	3.11	(X)
Other Asian ¹	80	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	18	-	Total housing units.....	23,737	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	2	-	Occupied housing units.....	22,976	96.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	5	-	Vacant housing units.....	761	3.2
Samoan.....	5	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	6	-	occasional use.....	62	0.3
Some other race.....	2,536	4.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	1,188	2.0	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.1	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	22,976	100.0
White.....	53,915	91.4	Owner-occupied housing units.....	13,823	60.2
Black or African American.....	1,794	3.0	Renter-occupied housing units.....	9,153	39.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	366	0.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.69	(X)
Asian.....	992	1.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.23	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	49	0.1			
Some other race.....	3,121	5.3			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	446
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	62
Federal (Section 8):	181



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The development of transportation resources in the Merrimack River Valley, where Haverhill is situated, was shaped by the history of the region as a major site of American industrial development in the nineteenth century. The area has exceptionally good highway and rail facilities linking the major cities and towns to each other and to the port, airport, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

The principal highway is Interstate Route 495, the outer belt around Boston.

Rail

Commuter rail service is available to North Station, Boston, from Haverhill Center (travel time 63-68 min.; no MBTA parking) and Bradford (travel time 61-66 min.; 304 MBTA parking spaces). Freight service is provided by the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (978) 663-1073

Bus

Haverill is a member of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA), which provides fixed route service within Haverill and to neighboring cities and towns. The MRTA and the Haverhill Council on Aging provide paratransit service for the elderly and disabled.

Other

The Lawrence Municipal Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, is located in North Andover. It has 2 asphalt runways 3,901' and 5,000' long. Instrument approaches: Precision and non-precision. Flight Line, Inc., offers service to Logan Airport and to Manchester Airport, in Manchester, New Hampshire.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Haverhill Historical Society
240 Water Street
(978) 374-4626

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Hale/Haverhill Municipal Hospital
Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital

Long Term Care

Baker Katz Nursing Home
Glynn Memorial Home
Glynn Memorial Home
Hannah Duston L.T.H. Center
Haverhill Manor Nursing Home
Kenoza Hillcrest Nursing Home
Kenoza Manor Convalescent Home
Lakeview House Nursing Home
Lenox Nursing Home, Inc.
Oxford Manor Nursing Home
Union Mission Nursing Home, Inc.

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Griffin White Home
Scott's Rest Home
Stevens-Bennett Home, Inc.

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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